

What is claimed is:

1. An electrical outlet safety cover for covering the electrical connectors on the sides of an electrical outlet, the cover comprising:

a first panel and a second panel, the first panel being spaced apart from the second panel, the first and second panels being connected to one another by a connecting section; and

a closure strap, the closure strap having a first end and a second end, the second end of the closure strap having a connector for attaching second end of the closure strap to the second panel, so that the electrical connectors on the sides of the electrical outlet are covered by the first panel and the second panel, and the first panel and the second panel are retained over the electrical connectors by the cooperation of the connecting section and the closure strap when the closure strap is attached to the second panel.

2. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 1 wherein said closure strap is of one-piece unitary construction with said first panel.

3. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 1 wherein said closure strap is made of an elastic material.

4. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 1 wherein

said closure strap further comprises a connector on said first end.

5. An electrical outlet safety cover for covering the electrical connectors on the sides of an electrical outlet, the cover comprising:

a first panel and a second panel, the first panel being spaced apart from the second panel, the first and second panels each having a leading edge and a trailing edge, and the first and second panels being connected to one another by a connecting section that extends from the leading edge of the first panel to the leading edge of the second panel; and

a closure strap, the closure strap having a first end and a second end, the second end of the closure strap having a connector for attaching second end of the closure strap to the trailing edge of the second panel, so that the electrical connectors on the sides of the electrical outlet are covered by the first panel and the second panel, and the first panel and the second panel are retained over the electrical connectors by the cooperation of the connecting section and the closure strap when the closure strap is attached to the second panel.

6. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 5 wherein said closure strap further comprises a connector on said first end, the connector on the first end of the closure strap being adapted for attachment to the first panel.

7. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 6 wherein said closure strap is made of an elastic material.

8. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 5 wherein said first panel, said second panel, said connecting section, and said closure strap are of unitary, one-piece construction.

9. An electrical outlet safety cover according to claim 5 wherein said connector is a ratcheting connector.

10. A method for covering the electrical connectors on an electrical outlet that has been mounted on a section of building structure, the electrical outlet having a façade with at least one socket adapted for accepting an electrical plug and a pair of sides extending away from the façade, at least one of the sides having an exposed electrical connector, the method comprising:

providing an electrical outlet safety cover for covering the electrical connectors on the sides of an electrical outlet, the cover comprising:

a first panel and a second panel, the first panel being spaced apart from the second panel, the first and second panels being connected to one another by a connecting section; and

a closure strap, the closure strap having a first end and a

second end, the second end of the closure strap having a connector for attaching second end of the closure strap to the second panel;

placing the first panel and the second panel over the electrical connectors on the sides of the electrical outlet are covered by the first panel and the second panel and so that the connecting section extends across the facade, and

retaining the first panel and the second panel over the electrical connectors by attaching the second end of the closure strap to the second panel.

11. A method according to claim 10 wherein said closure strap further comprises a connector on said first end, the connector on the first end of the closure strap being adapted for attachment to the first panel.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein said closure strap is made of an elastic material.

13. A method according to claim 10 wherein said first panel, said second panel, said connecting section, and said closure strap are of unitary, one-piece construction.

14. A method according to claim 10 wherein said connector is a ratcheting connector.

15. A method according to claim 10 and further comprising the step of mounting the electrical outlet from an electrical box.